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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In October 2009 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Patrick K. Chau** (MD00030053) on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license. Chau provided substandard care when prescribing medications to multiple patients.

In October 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Jenny L. Philbrook** (HCA.HC.00012045). Philbrook failed to reply to a department investigator about a report the program received.

Ferry County

In September 2009 the X-Ray Technician Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Kirsten L. Schilling** (XRAY.XT.00005869). Schilling failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credential.

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Franklin County

In September 2009 the Registered Counselor Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Julie A. Allenby** (RC.RC.60081709). Allenby failed to comply with a previous agreement to practice with conditions.

Jefferson County

In September 2009 the Department of Health revoked the license of the **Chinook Motel** (TA.FS.00000223). An inspection of the motel showed numerous health and safety violations including construction and maintenance violations, widespread and serious sanitation problems, numerous electrical problems, fire safety violations, and air quality violations.

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the registered nurse **Susan Severson** (RN.RN.00169723). Severson voluntarily surrendered her license to practice nursing in Minnesota for failing to comply with a previous order.

King County

In October 2009 the Dental Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Alicia D. Jones** (DEAS.D1.60059614). Jones failed to comply with a previous order.

In October 2009 the Radiologic Technologist Program suspended the credential of **Jang Bahadur Singh** (RT00002870). Singh inappropriately touched a female patient, positioned her inappropriately, and failed to cover her genitals with a lead shield.

Kitsap County

In October 2009 the Health Care Assistant and Dietitian and Nutritionist Programs indefinitely suspended the credentials of **Colleen M. Cates-Gorang** (HCA.HC.00144152, DIET.DI.00000159). Cates-Corang failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credentials.

Lewis County

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Jamie L. Wright** (NAR.NA.00148647). Wright stole property and money totaling about \$2,000 from a patient.

Pierce County

In October 2009 the Medical Commission withdrew the statement of charges against physician **Pamela D. Cowell** (MD00036597).

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In October 2009 the Registered Counselor and Chemical Dependency Professional Programs revoked the credentials of **James Lawrence Johnson** (CP00004684, RC00037638). Johnson was convicted of fourth degree assault with sexual motivation for touching a child's breast.

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Rick Mason** (NAC.NC.10018432). Mason inadvertently exposed himself while readjusting his clothing in a patient room.

In October 2009 the Medical Commission accepted the license surrender of physician **Lance A. May** (MD00038397). May has agreed to not resume practice of medicine in Washington including temporary, emergency, or volunteer practice.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Chantile C. Sager** (NAC.NC.60038006, NAR.NA.00198674). Sager failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her credentials.

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Anne Marie Waller** (NAR.NA.60062145). Waller failed to comply with a previous order.

Skagit County

In October 2009 the Pharmacy Board revoked the license of pharmacist **Charles S. Reed** (PH00010775) and permanently revoked the license of **Horen's Drugstore** (CF00003748). Reed filled prescriptions for legend drugs and controlled substances from internet Web sites after warnings from the board and the federal Drug Enforcement Agency that the prescriptions were not valid. Reed closed his pharmacy, Horen's Drugstore, without notifying the board. He was also convicted of acquiring a controlled substance by misrepresentation in federal court.

Snohomish County

In October 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Diana Louise Kennar** (RN.RN.00058720). Kennar failed to comply with a previous order.

Spokane County

In September 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Faith A. Clancy** (NAC.NC.10073308). While caring for three vulnerable patients, Clancy failed to administer hydrocodone, failed to document hydrocodone administration, or failed to document hydrocodone wastage.

In September 2009 the Veterinary Board suspended the license of veterinarian **Douglas C. Mohney** (VET.VT.00002693). Mohney diverted drugs from his previous place of employment and has had difficulty abstaining from substance abuse.

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In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of **Kerstin A. Zimmerman** (NAR.NA.00189688). Zimmerman took money and property from patients and failed to respond to department investigators when asked about it.

Thurston County

In October 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of **Jacqueline Morgan-Macauley** (NAR.NA.00162517). Morgan-Macauley diverted drugs for her own use.

Whatcom County

In September 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered **Pamela Thornton** (RN.RN.00165307). Thornton's license to practice nursing in Texas was revoked. In November 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended Thornton's registered nurse license.

Out of State

New York: In September 2009 the Nursing Commission summarily suspended the license of registered nurse **Anita S. Richins** (RN.RN00145081). Richins applied for a nursing license in Arizona and it was denied; she remains prohibited from practicing there. Her license to practice nursing in Vermont was also suspended.

Oregon: In July 2009 the Pharmacy Board indefinitely suspended the license of pharmacist **Jeff J. Graves** (PHRM.PH.00018580). Graves' license to practice pharmacy in Oregon was suspended.

Oregon: In September 2009 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Kimberly T.D. Joers** (RN.RN.00177473). Joers voluntarily surrendered her license to practice nursing in Oregon to the Oregon nursing board.

Texas: In October 2009 the Pharmacy Board withdrew the statement of charges against pharmacist **Joan T. Rue** (PHRM.PH.00018354).

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